

Series III Tones in longer phrases.

The purpose of this series of tone drills is to provide practice in the hearing and comparison of longer tonal sequences. Like the drills in Series I and II, they should first be done orally, with the book closed. The expected response is always SAME or DIFFERENT.

The phrases used in this series consist of four or six syllables. In the first four-syllable exercise and the first six-syllable exercise, the pairs of phrases that differ in tone are rather obviously different. In the remaining exercises, differences are usually confined to one or two syllables.

1.

pārísẹ̀rẹ̀	'finish your work'	ā lẹ̀ sọ́já	'we went to the market'	D
ó dínwó jú	'it is too cheap'	ó wá sọ́já	'he came to the market'	S
om̄m̄ m̄éwǎ	'ten children'	ōbìnṛīn nǎà	'the woman'	D
kọ̀kọ̀rọ̀ nī	'it is a key'	àpọ̀tí kán	'one box'	D
ōbì m̄ẹ̀tá	'three kola nuts'	ó lẹ̀ sọ́já	'he went to the market'	D
ēyīn m̄éjī	'two eggs'	om̄m̄ m̄éfá	'six children'	S
àtī òdò	'and a river'	āládǔgbô	'neighbor'	D
odún m̄ẹ̀rìn	'four years'	mō nílé kán	'I have one house'	S
n̄ kò b̄ínú	'I'm not angry'	ā kò lówó	'we don't have money'	S
àbíkú nī	'he is an <u>abíkú</u> '	oḡẹ̀dẹ̀ nī	'it is a banana'	D

2. SAME/DIFFERENT with special attention to the first two syllables.

ó yē bēè	'it must be thus'	ó mū tíì	'he drank tea'	S
ó yē bēè		ó fě tíì	'he wants tea'	D
ó sē bēè	'he did so'	ó fě bēè	'he wants it thus'	D
ó sō bēè	'he said so'	ōmō náà	'the child'	D
ā mū tíì	'we drank tea'	ōmō náà		S
kò mū tíì	'he didn't drink tea'	kò sē bēè	'he didn't do so'	S
kò sē bēè		kò fě tíì	'he doesn't want tea'	D
kò fě tíì		ìwě náà	'the book'	S
ōmō náà		èwù náà	'the garment'	D
ó fě bēè		mō mū tíì	'I drank tea'	D

3.

ārá èkǒ	'a resident of Lagos'	ōmō èkǒ	'a native of Lagos'	D
kò tā ìwě	'he didn't sell a book'	ārá èkǒ		D
Ọlá kô jǒ	'Ọlá didn't dance'	Òjǒ kô jǒ	'Ojo didn't dance'	D
Ògbòmòşşǒ	(name of a city)	Òjǒ kô jǒ		S
kò fě kẹkẹ	'he doesn't want a bicycle'	kò rā kẹkẹ	'he didn't buy a bicycle'	D
şùgbọ̀n kô wǎ	'but he didn't come'	Ògbòmòşşǒ		S
rā ērān yǐ	'buy this meat'	ā kò kàwě	'we didn't read'	D
mō gbā ìwě	'I got a book'	ā tā kẹkẹ	'we sold a bicycle'	S

má sòtàn mǒ	'don't tell any more stories'	má sònú mǒ	'don't get lost again'	D
rā ērān yǐ		pā ējā yǐ	'kill this fish'	S

4. Special attention to the last two syllables.

fún mī níwě	'give me a book'	ó lẹ́ lánǎ	'he went yesterday'	S
ó lẹ́ lánǎ		ó lẹ́ sọ́jǎ	'he went to market'	D
n̄ kò rí	'I didn't see	n̄ kò lẹ́	'I didn't go'	D
bàtá pūpā	'brown shoes'	ẹ̀hìn ọ̀dī	'abroad'	S
ó mọ́ kọ̀wě	'he knows how to write'	ó fẹ́ kẹ́kẹ́	'she wants a bicycle'	D
ākọ̀wě nī	'he is a clerk'	ā kàwě yǐ	'we read this book'	D
àtī sílẹ́	'and a shilling'	àwō mẹ́fá	'six plates'	S
kò lẹ́ lánǎ	'he didn't go yesterday'	àwō mewa	'ten plates'	S
ó lọ́pàkàn	'he has one stick'	wọ̀n níwě wó	'which book do they have?'	S
ínú`míldùn	'I'm glad'	owó`rẹ̀lọ̀	'his money is plentiful'	D

5.

ẹ̀sẹ́ mẹ́rín	'four feet'	ọ̀mọ́ mẹ́tá	'three children'	D
ọ̀mọ́ mẹ́sǎn	'nine children'	ẹ́jǎ méjì	'two fish'	D
má tágbọ̀n yǐ	'don't sell this coconuts'	ā rāgbọ̀n yǐ	'we bought this coconut'	D
ọ̀mọ́`wá	'our child'	āşọ́`wọ̀n	'their clothes'	S

l̄́ mātā wá	'bring the pepper'	ó fẹ́ ǒwó	'he wants money'	D
kíí jádè	'he does not go out'	ʼádọ́tá	'fifty'	S
ó lẹ́yín kán	'he has one egg'	ǒlọ́pǎ kán	'a policeman'	D
kò yà sọ́ tǔn	'he did not turn to the right'	kò l̄́ lánǎ	'he did not go yesterday'	D
ǒ gún ìyán	'you pounded the yam'	ó fẹ́ ǒwó		D
ó s̄́s̄́s̄́ dẹ	'he just arrived'	wọ́n s̄́ kàwě	'they read a book also'	S

6.

1. sí Àgbádàrìgí	ālabǎş̄ş̄ş̄ nī	D
2. bábǎ fún̄yín níwě	Ọjǒ kí̄yín lánǎ	S
3. ǒmǒ èkǒ nī mí	ǒn̄ş̄ş̄wò nī wá	D
4. ā kò l̄́ ş̄ágámú	wọ́n kò dǎrā púpô	D
5. ş̄ó wá' kí ègbõn`mī	wọ́n fẹ́' kí iyǎ`rẹ́	S
6. ẹ́rān yǐl̄mà pọ́jù	n̄kò fẹ́ ọ́gèdẹ́	D
7. mō n̄ l̄́ àpǎpá	ǒrúkọ́ àbíkú	S
8. ā ó tǔn l̄́ lólá	mẹ́r̄ĩd̄ĩnlógún nī	D
9. āş̄ş̄jú ilǔ wó	mō rẹ́tí iwě kán	S
10. mèt̄ād̄ĩnlógbõn nī	měj̄ĩd̄ĩnlógbõn nī	S

1. 'to Badagry'	'he is a co-worker'
2. 'father gave you books'	'Ojo greeted you yesterday'
3. 'I'm a native of Lagos'	'we are traders'
4. 'we didn't go to Shagamu'	'they are not very good'